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In compliance with Applicant's and his attorney's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, the Applicant does hereby submit the following Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO - 1449, and copies of the references listed thereon.

A patent search was manually conducted for the invention described in the above-referenced patent application. In the course of the search, no patents were found for an apparatus that has the same structural features or that operates in the same manner such as the invention listed above. The following ten (10) patents, however, were noted as being of interest and are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention as references AA - AJ. The significance of each listed reference is as follows:

1           AA.    Reference U.S. Patent No. 6,044,968 (Iampen) discloses a tire protective cover  
2 for covering and protecting a static mounted tire from environmental hazards, such as  
3 ultraviolet radiation and airborne contaminants.

4           AB.    Reference U.S. Patent No. Des. 417,176 (Esaias et al.) discloses the  
5 ornamental design for a tractor tire cleat cover.

6           AC.    Reference U.S. Patent No. 5,611,572 (Alava) discloses a splashguard for a  
7 tracked vehicle, the splashguard being attached to the track unit by means of a support.

8           AD.    Reference U.S. Patent No. 4,966,378 (Cook) discloses a stone shield  
9 adjustably attachable to the rear bumper of a pick-up truck that extends substantially across  
10 the vehicle for protection of a load being towed.

11          AE.    Reference U.S. Patent No. 4,817,976 (Kingsley) discloses a modular rain skirt  
12 assembly for use in reducing the laterally projected component of finely atomized, dense mist  
13 emanating from the running gear of heavy vehicles traveling on rain coated road surfaces.

14          AF.    Reference U.S. Patent No. 4,124,221 (Goings) discloses a movable spray  
15 guard to be lowered alongside the ground engaging wheels of a vehicle.

16          AG.    Reference U.S. Patent No. 3,866,943 (Innis) discloses a splash guard secured  
17 to a truck body or frame and disposed laterally outwardly of a wheel of the truck.

18          AH.    Reference U.S. Patent No. 2,849,045 (Anderson) discloses a wheel cover to be  
19 applied onto an automobile wheel to protect the same when adjacent fender and body  
20 portions are being painted.

21          AI.    Reference U.S. Patent No. 1,730,733 (Judd) discloses a tire protector for

1 pneumatic tires when the latter are mounted on the wheels of a motor vehicle.

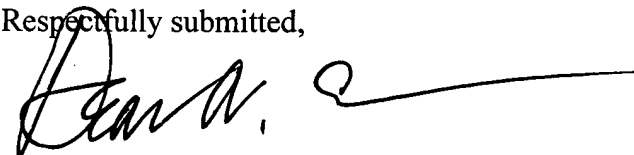
2 AJ. Reference U.S. Patent No. 1,472,005 (Jones) discloses a vehicular rain skirt  
3 that is economical and can be easily installed on a wide range of vehicles but especially  
4 outboard of the rear wheels of large tractor trailers.

5 The Applicant and his attorney submit that the above-cited references taken alone or  
6 in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious of the present invention. None of the  
7 references disclose or claim a track cover comprising an elongated body capable of partially  
8 covering the top, opposite side sections and the side opening of a track on a track vehicle.

9 The elongated body includes a lower edge, a durable mat attached to the lower edge on the  
10 elongated body and a plurality of elastic straps used to attach the elongated body over the top  
11 and side surfaces of the track on a track vehicle when the elongated body is placed over the  
12 track.

13 The listed references relate only to the general field of the disclosure and do not  
14 constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims; they are  
15 cited only as constituting the closest art of which the Applicant and his attorney are aware.

16 Respectfully submitted,

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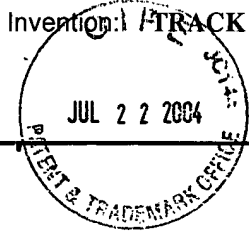
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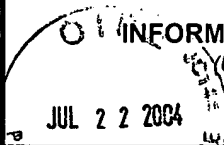
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